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SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF MARITIME LAW VIOLATION

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1. OWNERS AND MANAGER OF COMPANY WHICH OWNS M.V. BIFROST CALLED ON EMBOFF APRIL 4 TO DISCUSS COMPLAINT ABOUT OPERATIONS OF ICELANDIC STEAMSHIP CO. (EIMSKIP) WHICH THEY ALLEGE TO BE IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 14 QUOTE FIGHTING SHIP UNQUOTE PROVISIONS OF SHIPPING ACT OF 1916 AND POLICY FOR BOOKING CARGO ISSUED BY COMMANDER, MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND. AGENTS FOR M.V. BIFROST PLAN TO FILE FORMAL COMPLAINT WITH FMC.

2. BASIS OF QUOTE FIGHTING SHIP UNQUOTE COMPLAINT WILL BE DELIBERATE BRACKETING OF M.V. BIFROST SCHEDULE BY THREE EIMSKIP VESSELS. AS EXAMPLE OF BRACKETING BIFROST OWNERS ALLEGED M.V. BAKKAFOSS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(EIMSKIP) WILL DEPART NORFOLK APRIL 10 (AFTER LYING AT ANCHOR IN CHESAPEAKE BAY FOR 5-7 DAYS), BIFROST WILL SAIL ON APRIL 12, HOFSJOKULL (EIMSKIP) APRIL 13, AND BRUARFOSS (EIMSKIP) APRIL 14. NEXT EIMSKIP SAILING FROM NORFOLK SCHEDULED 22 DAYS LATER. OWNERS ALLEGE OTHER INSTANCES HAVE OCCURRED ANDHAVE BEEN INNOCENTLY ABETTED BY MSC BOOKING POLICY.

3. OWNERS ALSO COMPLAINED OF UNEQUAL TREATMENT BY MSC IN DIVISION OF HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS CARGO. THEY CLAIM IN ONE INSTANCE BIFROST WAS ASKED TO DIVIDE CARGO AVAILABLE AT NORFOLK 50-50 WITH EIMSKIP VESSEL SAILING LATER, WHEREAS THEY HAD BEEN ASKED TO SURRENDER FULL SHIPMENT OF WESTBOUND HHE TO EIMSKIP VESSEL WITH EARLIER SAILING DATE.

4. EMBOFF TOLD OWNERS ALLEGATION OF SHIPPING ACT VIOLATION PROBABLY MATTER BETWEEN BIFROST AND FMC, BUT PROMISED TO TRANSMIT COMPLAINT ABOUT DIVISION OF HHE CARGO TO NORFOLK.
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